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The new SF State library cards look like this sample of a campus staff member's card. Pictured is a model for the card's maker, R and D Products of New York.

## Photos create new line

As if there weren't enough lines on campus already, a new one has been forming all week long — the library photo-identification card line outside Adm 165.

What would seem to some to be an attempt to know what every student looks like is, in fact, just a way of guaranteeing that no one can check books out of the library under someone else's name.

The blue plastic card with the students's name and social security number in embossed gold lettering, actually contains the film on which the students picture is taken, much like a polaroid picture.

There is no negative, hence no record of what the student looks like, only a positive identification for the individual card holder.

The photo-i.d. program was adopted to reduce the number of library book thefts, and is being used at all other California State Universities and Colleges. The plastic card is not a substitute for the student's pink registration card and will be the only library card a student gets for their entire term as a student.

According to Registrar Kris McClusky, students will receive their cards three weeks after having the photo taken. The picture film is shipped air freight daily to R and D Products of New York for processing and embossing. Approximately 4,000 students a day have been turning out to be photographed, according to McClusky, and she hopes to be nearly finished by tomorrow.

## Cheating in reg lines is no easy task

Though next semester's registration will be done by computer, today SF State students still have to suffer through lines to get classes.

Phoenix asked students how they cope with the lines.

"I just wait in line for my turn," said a history major. "But the only way I can do that without losing my mind is to smoke about five joints before I come on campus."

Today there is bound to be someone who is sly enough to sneak around the lines.

"Just walk in the back door and act like you know what you're doing," said a creative arts major.

"Tell them they forgot to initial your program planning card. Then stand around like you have already been there for hours."

"It merely depends on your capacity to blend in with the act," said his friend, another creative arts major.

"Sure I know lots of tricks to get through the lines but if I told them I won't be able to use them," said one student nervously.

"Cheating isn't as easy as it used to be," said a creative writing major.

"To get a class in a department you weren't majoring in, you could go and fake your way through the door. But now stud-

ent body cards are stiffly checked."

To qualify for class sign ups, students must fill out a test form and have their student body cards stamped for the Computer Assistance Registration (C.A.R.) program.

The forms may be turned in at various tables around the commons lawn.

An English department staff member in charge of class sign ups said it is now impossible to sneak through the English lines.

"Students are given numbers and are checked three times. They must have a student body card that says English on it. We also have guards at the back door."

Getting classes is easier for students who paid their fees in advance than for those who didn't.

Many will have to go through late registration on Monday paying an additional ten dollars to be the last ones to sign up for classes.

Last semester, students stood in a late registration line that stretched from the women's gym to the Psychology building.

If a class closes before you get to the front of the line you can always try to sit in on it.

A Japanese major admitted she never signs up for classes. She said she "always crashes the class."

"Someone is always bound to drop out," she said. "I not you can always threaten the smallest kid in class."

## Computer registration: is it just a charade?

The hassle of class registration has an added dimension this spring as thousands of SF State students are discovering one more bureaucratic barrier between them and the classes they want.

"This is only a test" is the phrase that announces a whole new set of forms which provide academic planners with their first overall look at the demands of the students, and will hopefully end the last registration lines.

However, Computer Assisted Registration (CAR) promises more than just one false run-through in class registration. It could become a semi-annual charade for students assigned classes they won't be willing to take, followed by a more difficult re-registration procedure once classes are underway.

Fred Dalton, chief auditor for the California State University and College Trustees, hopes to do a study soon on why students using the CAR system at other campuses choose to revamp computer organized schedules once classes are underway, with an eye towards eliminating the problem.

A report just released from his office also condemns the "bull-pen" system of standing in line, which is hopefully seeing its last use this semester at SF State.

Those long lines are not only inconvenient to stand in, but according to the report, they also kept departments from accurately assessing what classes students want to take.

At the very least, CAR will show faculty and administrators what students want to take, according to Dalton.

Under the present system, there is no accurate way of telling which classes fill early, and which fill only because of failure to get first choices.

New faculty positions depend on the number of full-time majors in the department, not on how many students are actually trying to take the classes in the department.

CAR enables more students to get the classes they want by assessing student demand one month before classes begin and readjusting class schedules to meet that demand.

But the glowing reports about no more registration lines may dwindle if students decide to change classes after school starts and revamp the computer-planned schedules.

Departments then may be forced to make course changes a third time after designing one schedule for students to base

## Advising - one way to save a graduation

It's possible for students to complete four years and 124 units at SF State, but through their own negligence and/or poor advising, be ineligible for graduation.

Florence Schwartz, coordinator of campus advising services deals with scores of students who have been denied graduation for various reasons. One of the most prominent being unfulfilled requirements in their majors, or in General Studies.

Schwartz has organized efforts to improve advising techniques by reviving the handbook for undergraduate advisors, and staging a week-long meeting with some of the 500 to 600 undergraduate faculty advisors in what was called, "Faculty Development Week."

"What we discussed were

their choices on, and a second to meet their demands after the computer does its work.

Under the current CAR proposal students will be able to add and drop courses for two weeks after the start of classes.

The ability of students to computer-register for courses regardless of their major may deluge some already overcrowded departments. In addition, having advising days in the second week of May for the following fall semester could bankrupt SF State's already inadequate system of academic advising.

(There are plans in some departments to offer pre-registration in May to give majors the classes they want regardless of the computer.)

At Sacramento State University where CAR is seeing its third semester of use, Registrar John J. Rooney is convinced of its success.

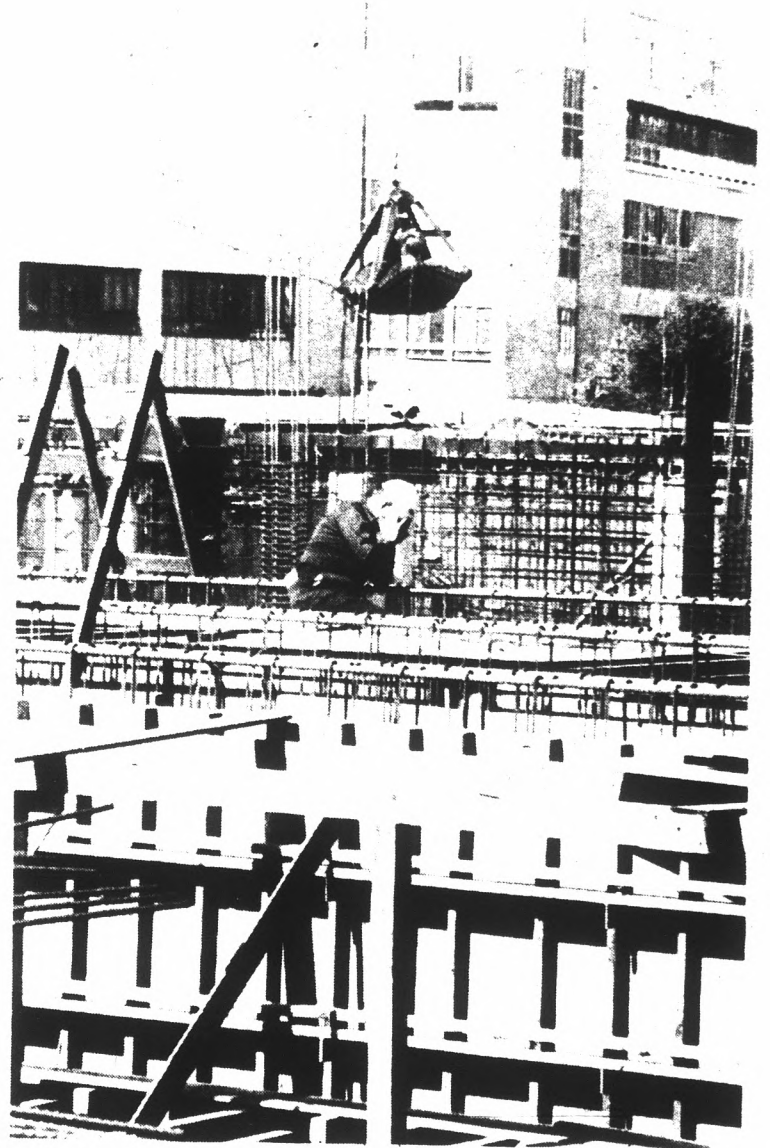
"This is the best registration system in the whole country," he says. "We bought the idea from the University of Tennessee and made some changes in it. By knowing the actual total student demand we provide the student

with more flexibility than ever."

Rooney said the value of CAR was lessened by the 40,000 class changes students made after the computer managed to give 87 per cent of them every class they wanted. However he added, "We wouldn't go back to registration lines for anything."

SF State's false run-through of computer registration is a test of CAR's "software" systems.

Registrar Kris McClusky said it would have been impossible to risk the entire student body's registration on an unadjusted system.



Workmen continue on the Student Union, which is now scheduled for completion in March, 1975.

## Long-awaited student union foreseen in '75

It will cost up to \$6 million to fill it, students have been paying \$10 per semester since 1967 to fill it, the Engstrom and Nourse Construction Co. started to fill it in 1971, and, barring any future carpenter's strikes or natural disasters, it should be filled by March 1975.

The hole in the middle of this campus, that is.

When it is filled, it will be called a "Student Union," and will include a new bookstore, five individual restaurants, and a series of screens that will encompass an "international information center."

Pafford Keating Clay, the designer of the structure, told the Phoenix in 1970. "It will be a structure within a structure. It's two large triangular structures like pyramids with ramps."

The funding for the new student union is coming from three sources: a \$10 fee that has been levied on students since 1968,

about \$125,000 from the Franciscan Shops (the group that will run the food services and bookstore in the Union), and \$6.5 million from bonds.

Besides housing the Associated Student offices, and the offices of the Franciscan shops, the Union is supposed to include a variety of diversions for the student seeking a respite from the tribulations of academia.

Originally designated as a "College Union" in pre-University days, a student survey mailed by the Student Activities Office to some 10,000 students guided Clay in his decision on what facilities to include.

However, for another thirteen months, the Student Union will be populated by assorted earth-movers, concrete trucks and workmen, and little else. Indeed, the restaurants, the new bookstore and the "international information center" are still a long way off.

## M car becomes M bus - it may be an improvement

The M car is our of commission for an estimated six months, and the Muni has replaced the antiquated green streetcars with buses that may improve the long-maligned service to and from SF State.

The M Ocean View streetcar line, which was the Municipal Railway's main link with SF State, is a new "staging area" where track is being laid to replace the 57-year-old tracks inside the Twin Peaks Tunnel. The streetcars have been replaced by M buses which run from Ocean View to West Portal and back, with about seven minutes between each bus.

Bill Dorais of the Transit Improvement Program said the ratio of replacement was about three buses for every two streetcars, and also said that the resumption of M car service should begin by July.

Students coming from downtown should catch a K or L streetcar, and transfer at West Portal to an M bus.

Students coming from the Mission District should take the 26 Valencia, which runs about once every 10 minutes, and unloads across the street from the campus.

Students coming from the downtown area can save time by taking the 17X Freeway Express. The bus leaves from Third and Market at 7:32, 7:43, 8:03, 8:10, 8:18, 8:31, 8:36, 8:41, 9:01, and 9:26, arriving in Park Merced 25 minutes later. Through the midday, they leave on the 26 and 56 minutes of the hour.

The 17X leaves Park Merced at 3:23, 3:50, 4:04, 4:15, 4:23, 4:30, 4:52 and 5:11, again, taking 25 minutes to get downtown.

## Things to know

Students who are planning on a June graduation will have to file an application with Student Services before February 22.

The applications are available at the Information Center in the administration building, or in Lib 39.

This semester undergraduate students may not carry more than 19 units and graduate students not more than 15 according to university policy.

However, students graduating this June may petition for a waiver of the maximum load poli-

icy. Petitions may be picked up at the offices of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies (Lib. 431) and the Dean of Graduate Studies (Lib. 432).

The petitions should be returned for review before registration. Undergraduates are also asked to have an unofficial copy of their transcript with them.

Anyone interested in taking a class for credit/no credit should be aware that the instructor of the class in question must be notified in writing on or before March 15; otherwise, the students are graded by letter.



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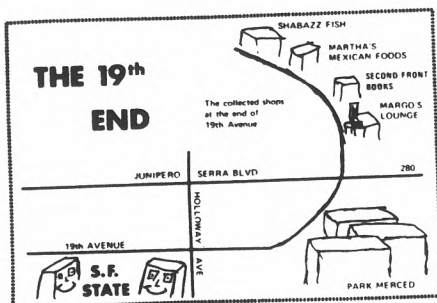
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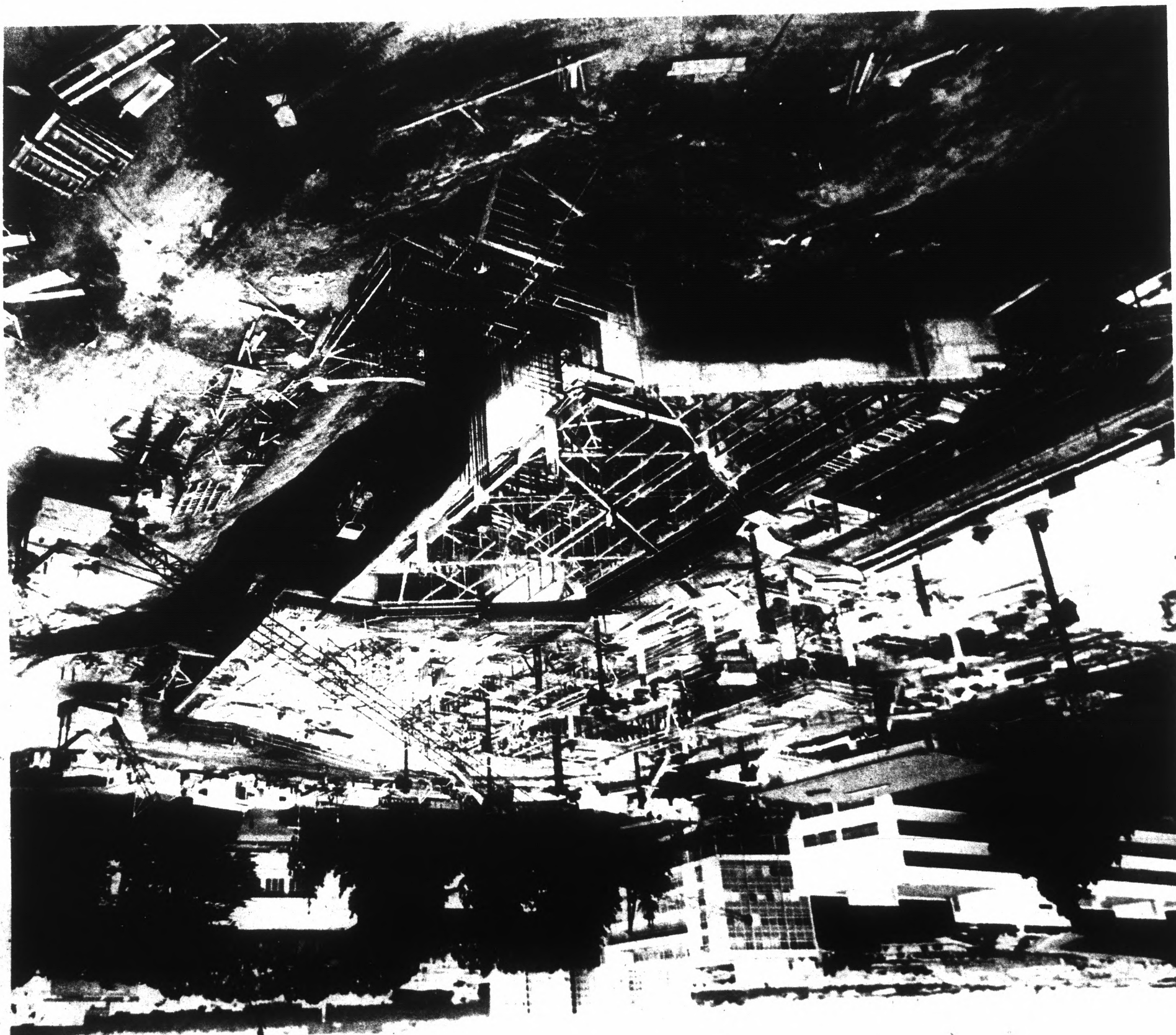
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